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Applicant : Gerard Stephan  
Ser. No. : 09/927,692  
Filed : 08/10/01  
For: NIPPLE ADAPTER FOR A STANDARD  
NARROW-MOUTHED BEVERAGE BOTTLE  
  
Art Unit : 3727  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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This Preliminary Amendment is filed in connection with the above identified Request for Continued Examination and in response to the prior Final Official Action. Please amend the application as follows: